

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 April 66 23/0345Z	2. LOCATION Middlebury, Vermont (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. AIRCRAFT 2. Astro (STAR/PLANET) / <i>prov.</i> ↓ odd - no noise
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Objects were star like lights, yellow to white, red, green at different times. Appeared 20-30 degrees off horizon in the east. Disappeared in the NE. Object hovered for 15 minutes in the NE.  Initially the sighting was of an aircraft. A B-52 bomber on oil burner project at 7,000 ft heading west then 180 degree turn to east was in the area at the time of the sighting. Secondly when the aircraft lights disappeared the observers picked up a bright star. Probably JUPITER. This would account for the one light disappearing and the other then seeming to hover for 15 minutes.  <i>Jupiter not in N.E. — — pass. Arcturus —</i>
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25-40 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Erratic	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



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ACTION: NIN-7 INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAPOS-3, DIA-1, RDC-4 (19)  
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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. A. DESCRIPTION OF

THE OBJECT: (1) SHAPE - ROUND, STAR-LIKE-LIGHTS; (2)

SIZE - COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT, SMALL LIKE A STAR;

(3) COLOR - PALE YELLOW TO WHITE-RED-GREEN, AT DIFFERENT  
TIMES; (4) NUMBER - TWO, AT FIRST-THEN ONE AT TIMES

(5) FORMATION - TWO LIGHTS TOGETHER, BUT ONE DISAPPEARED  
FROM VIEW WHEN IN NE SKY; (6) ANY DESCRIBABLE FEATURES

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OR DETAILA - NONE; (7) TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST - NONE;

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(8) NOISE - NONE HEARD; (9) OTHER DETAILS - AT ONE

POSITION, RED LIGHT WAS NOTED (WITH RIFLE 8X SCOPE) AS  
BLINKING. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1)

WHAT FIRST CALLED ATTENTION OF OBSERVERS TO THE OBJECTS-  
NOTICED WHILE OUTSIDE, TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS, BUT NO NOISE;

(2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECTS WHEN FIRST  
OBSERVED - 20 DEGREES/30 DEGREES OFF HORIZON IN EAST; (3)

ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE -  
TWO LIGHTS DISAPPEARE - TWO LIGHTS DISAPPEARED AT  
ELEVATION OF 35 DEGREES TO 40 DEGREES IN NORTHEAST SKY;

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVER OF OBJECTS -  
MANEUVERS MADE OVER WHOLE SKY - CIRCLED FOR 3 TIMES; (5)

HOW DID OBJECTS DISAPPEAR - BOTH FADED IN NE, BUT ONE OBSERVER  
CLAIMED FLIGHT SEEMED TO HOVER FOR 15 MIN IN NORTHEAST;

(6) HOW LONG WAS OBJECT VISIBLE - ONE OBSERVER CLAIMED 25  
MIN, OTHER OBSERVER CLAIMED 40 MIN. C. MANNER OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND - VISUAL; (2) OPTICAL AIDS - ONE OF GROUP  
USED 8X RIFLE SCOPE; (3) M/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF

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SIGHTING - (1) 0345Z, 23 APR 66; (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS -  
NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS - MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
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IN TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT [REDACTED]. F.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CIVILIAN -

[REDACTED], AGE 22, [REDACTED], MIDDLEBURY, VT, COLLEGE

STUDENT, A SINCERE AND CONFIDENT IN OWN BELIEFS, BUT

SEEMED A BIT EMOTIONAL; CIVILIAN [REDACTED], AGE

21, [REDACTED], MIDDLEBURY, VT, COLLEGE STUDENT,

SEEMED SINCERE AND LESS SWAYED BY GROUP EXPRESSION,

PROBABLY MORE RELIABLE OF TWO. (2) N/A. G. WEATHER

AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF

SIGHTING - (1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS -

DARK, NO CLOUDS, AND VERY GOOD VISIBILITY; (2) REPORT OF

AWs, DET 7, 8TH WEA SQ, PLATTSBURGH AFB NY FOR VICINITY

OF SIGHTING AT 0345Z TO 0422Z, 23 APR 66 - WINDS

SURFACE 110 DEGREES/4 KTS PLUS 35 DEGREES F; 6,000 FT

300 DEGREES/15 KTS PLUS 41 DEGREES F; 10,000 FT 280 DEGREES

/25 KTS PLUS 25 DEGREES F; 16,000 FT 270 DEGREES/45 KTS

PLUS 10 DEGREES F; 20,000 FT 270 DEGREES/45 KTS - 06 DEGREES

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F; 30,000 FT 270 DEGREES/30 KTS - 48 DEGREES F; 50,000 FT  
280 DEGREES/35 KTS - 67 DEGREES F; (3) CEILING -

UNLIMITED, CLEAR; (4) VISIBILITY - CLEAR, 25 MILES:

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(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER - NO CLOUD; (6) THUNDERSTORMS-

NONE; (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - SEE ABOVE

TEMPERATURES. H. ANY OTHER UNUSAL CONDITION - NONE.

I. INTERCEPTION ACTION - N/A (NONE). J. LOCATION,

APPROX ALTITUDE AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF FLIGHT -

AIR TRAFFIC - B-58 BOMBER ON OIL BURNER PROJECT AT

7,000 FT ALTITUDE HEADING WEST THEN 180 DEGREES TURN TO EAST

WAS IN AREA AT GENERAL TIME OF SIGHTING. K. POSITION,

TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER - ALLEN H.

DOYLE, MAJOR, USAF, 380TH STRATEGIC AEROSPACE WING (SAC),

PLATTSBURGH AFB, NEW YORK, OIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE

BRANCH. COMMENTS: THE OBJECT LIGHTS WERE FIRST REPORTED

AS TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS, THEN AS RED AND GREEN, WITH

RED LIGHT BLINKING AT TIMES WHICH ARE INDICATIVE OF AND

AIRCRAFT'S WHITE, RED AND GREEN NAVIGATION LIGHTS. THE

LIGHTS WERE VIEWED APPARENTLY FROM A CONSIDERABLE

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DISTANCE AS WEATHER AFFORDED EXCELLENT VISIBILITY AND NO NOISE WAS HEARD. THE REPORTED TURNS AND CIRCLES WHEN MADE BY A MANEUVERING AIRCRAFT WOULD GIVE OBSERVERS A VIEW OF DIFFERENT NAVIGATION LIGHTS (FROM WHITE TO RED TO GREEN) DUE TO A CHANGE IN FLYING ALTITUDE OF AIRCRAFT. LIGHTS WOULD APPEAR/DISAPPEAR WHEN FUSELAGE, WINGS, OR TAIL BLOTTED OUT VIEW FROM OBSERVERS. THE STATEMENT MADE BY ONE OBSERVER THAT ONE LIGHT VANISHED, AND THAT THE OTHER LIGHT SEEN AS HOVERING, BY THE OTHER OBSERVER, WAS ACTUALLY ONLY A STAR, LENDS CREDENCE THAT THE AIRCRAFT'S NAVIGATION LIGHTS HAD FADED OUT AND THE ONE OBSERVER HAD VISUALLY TRANSFERRED HIS ATTENTION FROM AIRCRAFT LIGHTS TO A STAR. AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING, IT WAS REPORTED THAT A B-58 BOMBER ON E/W, TURN OVER PORT HERNRY RBS STOCK FARM - OIL BURNER SORTIE WAS IN THE AREA. ALTHOUGH AT AN ALTITUDE OF 7,000 FT, THIS AIRCRAFT MANEUVERS COULD HAVE BEEN OBJECT/ LIGHTS SIGHTED, HOWEVER, THIS REPORTING OFFICER ASSESSES SIGHTING AS SOME WELL LIGHTED AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA,

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BUT VIEWED AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE WITH NOISES  
WITHIN THE OBSERVER'S IMMEDIATE AREA, BLANKING OUT  
AIRCRAFT NOISE. L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE -

NONE

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